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I. GENERAL.

This bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, (M.S.R. Carver) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of October, 1948, and the four months ended October, 1948. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The Act provides for the payment of benefits to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides another class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives assistance to persons on account of some special circumstances, and to those persons who cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Invalid Section of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - See Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this bulletin relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are not included.

The details given in Section 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID.

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each state during October, 1948, and the four months ended October, 1948, are shown in the following table.

I. : AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING OCTOBER, 1948 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1948.

STATES.

State	Benefits paid during October, 1948.				Benefits paid during four Months ended October, 1948.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W. (a)	1,826	28,984	4,075	34,885	8,374	113,501	10,716	132,591
Victoria	158	13,284	2,006	15,448	1,281	68,692	10,100	80,073
Queensland	5,214	16,333	1,107	22,654	17,701	38,890	2,905	59,496
S. Aust. (b)	89	5,718	287	6,094	361	28,084	1,379	29,824
W. Australia	867	5,717	860	7,444	5,355	22,741	2,066	30,162
Tasmania	220	3,171	281	3,672	1,441	14,864	1,223	17,528
<u>TOTAL :</u>	8,374	73,207	8,616	90,197	34,513	286,772	28,389	349,674

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

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The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1947-48, and for the months October, 1947 to October, 1948, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit :-

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - AUSTRALIA.

	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED</u>									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	3,998	1,328	85,220	18,254	103,474
1947 -									
October	1,570	48	4,323	1,310	109	72	6,002	1,430	7,432
November	1,615	64	5,019	1,480	121	64	6,755	1,608	8,363
December	1,794	53	3,116	974	830	157	5,740	1,184	6,924
1948 -									
January	3,600	99	4,417	1,197	166	49	8,183	1,345	9,528
February	5,953	294	4,049	1,271	528	224	10,530	1,789	12,319
March	3,446	297	3,843	1,144	147	214	7,436	1,655	9,091
April	1,386	112	3,906	1,171	115	43	5,407	1,326	6,733
May	1,005	69	5,300	1,543	1,434	263	7,739	1,875	9,614
June	743	37	4,044	1,097	97	36	4,884	1,170	6,054
July	799	69	6,595	1,774	848	265	8,242	2,108	10,350
August (a)	568	55	4,693	1,321	136	57	5,397	1,433	6,830
September (a)	535	58	4,391	1,181	712	144	5,638	1,383	7,021
October (a)	887	49	4,416	1,222	1,228	54	6,531	1,325	7,856
<u>DISCONTINUANCES.</u>									
Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	3,731	1,102	89,054	17,840	106,894
1947 -									
October	2,286	87	4,531	1,260	107	41	6,924	1,388	8,312
November	2,003	78	5,467	1,606	142	46	7,612	1,730	9,342
December	890	50	3,233	1,006	132	117	4,255	1,173	5,428
1948 -									
January	2,885	73	4,508	1,340	798	81	8,191	1,494	9,685
February	4,176	194	3,821	1,081	447	39	8,444	1,314	9,758
March	3,075	177	3,937	1,124	189	232	7,201	1,533	8,734
April	4,585	308	3,856	1,126	155	206	8,596	1,640	10,236
May	2,081	97	5,083	1,538	690	125	7,854	1,760	9,614
June	971	57	4,034	1,151	649	99	5,654	1,307	6,961
July	1,321	74	6,099	1,732	646	176	8,066	1,982	10,048
August (a)	614	52	4,516	1,261	443	142	5,573	1,455	7,028
September (a)	655	55	4,537	1,223	240	77	5,432	1,355	6,787
October (a)	614	67	4,868	1,333	1,366	144	6,848	1,544	8,392
<u>PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.</u>									
1946 - June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 - June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
October	2,842	129	7,671	2,609	222	386	10,735	3,124	13,859
November	2,454	115	7,223	2,483	201	404	9,878	3,002	12,880
December	3,358	118	7,106	2,451	899	444	11,363	3,013	14,376
1948 -									
January	4,073	144	7,015	2,308	267	412	11,355	2,864	14,219
February	5,850	244	7,243	2,498	348	597	13,441	3,339	16,780
March	6,221	364	7,149	2,518	306	579	13,676	3,461	17,137
April	3,022	168	7,199	2,563	266	416	10,487	3,147	13,634
May	1,946	140	7,416	2,568	1,010	556	10,372	3,264	13,636
June	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	458	491	9,602	3,125	12,727
July	1,196	115	7,922	2,556	660	580	9,778	3,251	13,029
August (a)	1,150	118	8,099	2,616	353	495	9,602	3,229	12,831
September (a)	1,030	121	7,953	2,574	825	562	9,808	3,257	13,065
October (a)	1,303	103	7,501	2,463	687	472	9,491	3,038	12,529

(a) Subject to Revision.

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

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(1) Duration : The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during October, 1948, and the four Months ended October, 1948, is shown in the following table :-

III. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING OCTOBER, 1948 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1948 - AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	October, 1948				Four Months ended October, 1948.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	122	591	211	924	437	2,541	296	3,274
1 and under 2	160	924	407	1,491	673	3,782	568	5,023
2 " " 3	86	822	264	1,172	401	3,400	566	4,367
3 " " 4	61	750	263	1,074	301	2,857	363	3,521
4 " " 5	49	570	156	775	216	2,152	301	2,669
5 " " 9	109	1,302	154	1,565	529	5,026	821	6,376
9 " " 13	42	631	31	704	220	2,351	138	2,709
13 " " 27	64	671	41	776	414	2,396	119	2,929
27 and over	33	312	16	361	261	1,064	62	1,387
TOTAL :	726	6,573	1,543	8,842	3,452	25,569	3,234	32,255

The following table shows, for discontinuances notified during October, 1948 and the four months ended October, 1948, the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit :-

IV. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING OCTOBER, 1948 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1948 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefits	October, 1948				Four Months ended October, 1948			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	4.55	4.75	1.04	4.08	7.56	4.16	1.92	4.30
13 " "	13.36	14.96	3.70	12.86	19.55	13.53	5.60	13.38
9 " "	19.15	24.56	5.71	20.82	25.93	22.72	9.87	21.78
5 " "	34.16	44.36	15.69	38.52	41.25	42.38	35.25	41.55
4 " "	40.91	53.03	25.80	47.28	47.51	50.80	44.56	49.82
3 " "	49.31	64.44	42.84	59.43	56.23	61.97	55.78	60.74
2 " "	61.16	76.95	59.95	72.68	67.85	75.27	73.28	74.28
1 " "	83.20	91.01	86.33	89.54	87.35	90.06	90.84	89.85
Less than 1	16.80	8.99	13.67	10.46	12.65	9.94	9.16	10.15

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reason for terminating benefit whose discontinuance was notified during October, 1948, and the four months ended October, 1948, are shown below:-

V. REASONS FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING OCTOBER, 1948 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Reason for Cessation	October, 1948.				Four Months ended October, 1948.			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	430	59.23	4,193	63.80	2,002	57.98	16,187	63.30
Incapacity terminated	-	-	1,506	22.91	-	-	6,312	24.69
Failure to report (a)	202	27.83	266	4.05	1,065	30.85	830	3.25
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	34	4.68	49	.75	147	4.26	163	.64
Statutory age limit (b)	4	.55	13	.20	21	.61	46	.18
Permanent incapacity (c)	11	1.51	273	4.15	53	1.54	926	3.62
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	-	-	2	.03	-	-	15	.06
Death	1	.14	86	1.30	2	.06	380	1.48
Transfer to another district	10	1.38	96	1.46	52	1.51	337	1.32
Other	34	4.68	89	1.35	110	3.19	373	1.46
TOTAL :	726	100.00	6,573	100.00	3,452	100.00	25,569	100.00

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF OCTOBER, 1948.

Total Persons (i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 30th October, 1948, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 46 per 10,000 comprising 5 unemployment, 37 sickness and 4 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females :-

VI. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH OCTOBER, 1948. PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	No. on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 males	7	38	3	48
Females	Per 10,000 females	1	34	7	42
Persons	Per 10,000 persons	5	37	4	46

(ii) State Totals : The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 30th October, 1948 :-

VII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH OCTOBER, 1948 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W. (a)	411	33	2,864	836	111	174	3,386	1,043	4,429
Victoria	30	3	1,896	783	135	114	2,061	900	2,961
Queensland	700	62	1,201	370	51	69	1,952	501	2,453
S. Aust. (b)	11	1	664	190	11	29	686	220	906
W. Australia	115	3	543	175	366	40	1,024	218	1,242
Tasmania	36	1	333	109	13	46	382	156	538
Total 30th October, 1948	1,303	103	7,501	2,463	687	472	9,491	3,038	12,529
Total 25th October, 1947	2,842	129	7,671	2,609	222	386	10,735	3,124	13,859

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages. Distribution of persons on benefit at 30th October, 1948, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

VIII. GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH OCTOBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st December 1948)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	33	22	423	492	17	25	473	539	1,012
20 - 24 years	112	28	829	578	127	37	1,068	643	1,711
25 - 29 years	116	17	632	281	118	34	866	332	1,198
30 - 34 years	107	7	620	196	88	35	815	238	1,053
35 - 39 years	136	5	646	192	51	56	833	253	1,086
40 - 44 years	124	11	715	185	45	62	884	258	1,142
45 - 49 years	138	4	798	247	16	85	952	336	1,288
50 - 54 years	135	4	825	170	7	62	967	236	1,203
55 - 59 years	152	5	983	117	6	48	1,141	170	1,311
60 years and over	250	-	1,030	5	212	28	1,492	33	1,525
<u>TOTAL :</u>	1,303	103	7,501	2,463	687	472	9,491	3,038	12,529

CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING OCTOBER, 1948 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH OCTOBER, 1948.

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during October, 1948, and the four months ended October, 1948, and by those who were on benefit at 30th October, 1948.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by the initiative of the employee.

IX. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED ETC. DURING OCTOBER, 1948 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during -				On benefit	
	October, 1948		Four Months ended Oct., 1948		30th October, 1948	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Discharged or Laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons	5	-	16	-	8	-
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	34	1	189	11	60	2
Power rationing	-	-	2	-	5	2
Shortage of materials	288	1	386	16	279	7
Strikes and lockouts	8	-	73	3	71	2
Seasonal work	150	-	311	1	174	6
Casual Work	84	2	448	9	142	3
Other including inadequately defined	160	15	622	71	283	28
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	121	30	466	82	194	38
Other, including inadequately defined	40	5	204	26	49	9
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	14	1	51	2	26	1
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work	1	-	9	-	6	-
Other	2	1	12	10	6	5
TOTAL :	907	56	2,789	231	1,303	103

(ii) Industrial Groups : The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during October, 1948, and the four months ended October, 1948, and of those on benefit at 30th October, 1948.

X. UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING OCTOBER, 1948 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1948 - AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admissions during				On benefit	
	October, 1948		Four Months ended Oct., 1948		30th October 1948	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	47	-	228	1	110	4
Other Primary Production	10	-	36	-	13	-
Coal Mining	29	-	49	-	55	-
Other Mining and Quarrying	9	-	45	-	21	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metal working including shipbuilding	291	2	493	3	287	1
Vehicles, including aircraft	15	-	58	1	19	-
Textiles and articles of dress	4	3	30	29	10	7
Food, drink and tobacco	169	-	379	12	207	10
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	17	-	73	-	31	-
Other factories, including heat, light and power	24	2	116	7	57	5
Building and Construction	95	-	397	-	126	-
Transport and Communication	44	2	165	9	100	4
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and retail trade	62	12	313	41	95	16
Finance and Property	6	-	19	-	8	-
Public Administration and Professional	38	7	183	25	86	10
Personal and Domestic Service	43	25	183	92	63	39
Other	4	3	22	11	15	7
TOTAL :	907	56	2,789	231	1,303	103

(iii) Males on Benefit : Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 30th October, 1948, in the main industrial groups, is shown in the following table:-

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 30TH OCTOBER, 1948.

STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	24	5	67	-	7	7	110
Other Primary Production	-	-	9	1	2	1	13
Coal Mining	26	-	27	-	-	2	55
Other Mining and Quarrying	1	-	13	-	6	1	21
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, Engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding	253	1	19	3	10	1	287
Vehicles, including Aircraft	3	1	12	1	2	-	19
Textiles, and Articles of Dress	2	-	5	-	1	2	10
Food, drink and tobacco	3	2	196	-	5	1	207
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	8	-	17	-	4	2	31
Other factories, including heat, light and power	18	3	23	2	10	1	57
Building and Construction	21	3	83	1	15	3	126
Transport and Communication	9	4	77	-	7	3	100
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and Retail Trade	16	3	60	1	11	4	95
Finance and Property	1	-	3	-	3	1	8
Public Administration and Professional	13	3	50	1	16	3	86
Personal and Domestic Service	11	5	31	-	13	3	63
Other	2	-	8	1	3	1	15
TOTAL - 30th October, 1948	411	30	700	11	115	36	1,303
TOTAL - 25th October, 1947	630	153	1,518	66	442	33	2,842

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory

(iv) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the four months ended October, 1948, and the persons on benefit at 30th October, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the Four months ended October, 1948				On Benefit at 30th October, 1948			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	100	9	673	50	43	4	368	29
Victoria	29	11	91	3	9	3	21	-
Queensland	493	52	964	84	227	24	473	38
South Australia (c)	27	2	8	-	9	1	2	-
Western Australia	294	7	63	11	104	2	11	1
Tasmania	28	1	19	1	20	-	16	1
TOTAL :	971	82	1,818	149	412	34	891	69

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan".

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING OCTOBER, 1948 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH OCTOBER, 1948.

(i) Metropolitan and Other : Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the four months ended October, 1948, and those current at 30th October, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table :-

XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES

State	Claims admitted during the four Months ended October, 1948				On Benefit at 30th October, 1948			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	4,371	1,600	3,072	522	1,598	595	1,266	241
Victoria	3,218	1,175	1,432	362	1,348	617	548	166
Queensland	1,542	471	1,639	268	650	247	551	123
Sth. Australia (c)	1,750	415	323	42	575	172	89	18
Western Australia	1,209	361	688	95	373	140	170	35
Tasmania	409	92	442	95	175	57	158	52
TOTAL :	12,499	4,114	7,596	1,384	4,719	1,828	2,782	635

(a) See footnote (a) to Table XII. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Industrial Groups : The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 30th October, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

XIV. SICKNESS INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 30TH OCTOBER, 1948.

AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	580	11	591
Other Primary Production	181	-	181
Coal Mining	216	-	216
Other Mining and Quarrying	137	2	139
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metal-working, including shipbuilding	1,126	85	1,211
Vehicles, including aircraft	355	15	370
Textiles and articles of dress	251	471	722
Food, drink and tobacco	459	111	570
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	308	15	323
Other Factories, including heat, light and power	723	156	879
Building and Construction	1,093	5	1,098
Transport and Communication	724	60	784
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and retail trade	666	438	1,104
Finance and Property	55	44	99
Public Administration and Professional	255	417	672
Personal and Domestic Service	345	625	970
Other	27	8	35
TOTAL :	7,501	2,463	9,964

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during October, 1948, and the four months ended October, 1948, and of those on benefit at 30th October, 1948.

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING OCTOBER, 1948 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	October, 1948		Four months ended October, 1948		30th October, 1948	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	390	113	2,093	592	406	179
Cancer	23	6	91	24	61	18
Other Tumours	45	32	167	106	60	70
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	302	83	1,113	329	537	209
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	23	22	94	82	42	37
Nervous System and Sense Organs	475	185	1,727	676	789	367
Circulatory System	415	69	1,646	251	927	165
Respiratory System	508	101	2,431	563	737	191
Digestive System	1,096	313	4,135	1,095	1,341	347
Genito-Urinary System	175	89	708	386	300	202
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	-	99	-	428	-	220
Skin and Cellular Tissue	245	66	1,015	229	291	81
Bones and Organs of Movement	141	48	508	144	217	92
Other Diseases (including Ill-defined Conditions)	72	51	299	179	123	80
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures	481	53	2,049	199	1,114	132
Other Injuries, etc.	492	49	1,907	193	501	60
Operations (original disability not stated)	12	-	59	2	35	6
Other (including not stated)	19	6	53	20	20	7
TOTAL :	4,914	1,385	20,095	5,498	7,501	2,463

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the four months ended October, 1948, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVI. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1948.

STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Percentage Rejects to Total
N.S.W. (a)	1,536	704	11,198	1,633	1,227	143	13,961	2,480	17.8
Vic.	213	79	7,315	1,128	1,771	141	9,299	1,348	14.5
Q'ld.	3,029	1,436	4,598	678	194	67	7,821	2,181	27.9
S.A. (b)	78	41	3,070	540	83	26	3,231	607	18.8
W.A.	565	190	2,732	379	524	29	3,821	598	15.7
Tas.	58	9	1,183	145	68	17	1,309	171	13.1
TOTAL :	5,479	2,459	30,096	4,503	3,867	423	39,442	7,385	18.7

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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